

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1659. A bill to provide criminal penalties for communicating false information and hoaxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 1660. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1661. A bill to set up a certification system for research facilities that possess dangerous biological agents and toxins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 1662. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Coverdell educational savings accounts to be used for homeschooling expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1663. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1664. A bill to require country of origin labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1665. A bill amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false information regarding certain criminal violations concerning hoax reports of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1666. A bill to prevent terrorist hoaxes and false reports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1667. A bill to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1668. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen the limitations on the holding of any license, permit, operating authority by a foreign government or any entity controlled by a foreign government; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) (by request):

S. 1669. A bill to authorize appropriations for hazardous material transportation safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Con. Res. 81. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari

Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 455

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and modify the exclusion relating to qualified small business stock and for other purposes.

S. 986

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes.

S. 1541

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1541, a bill to provide for a program of temporary enhanced unemployment benefits.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2006.

S. 1615

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1615, a bill to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1621

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of community members, volunteers, and workers in a disaster area.

S. 1627

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to enhance the security of the international borders of the United States.

S. 1630

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to extend for 6

additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

S. 1633

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1633, a bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide assistance to States and nonprofit organizations to preserve suburban open space and contain suburban sprawl, and for other purposes.

S. 1643

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1643, a bill to provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use and retailers' occupation tax holiday.

S.J. RES. 24

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 24, a joint resolution honoring Maureen Reagan on the occasion of her death and expressing condolences to her family, including her husband Dennis Revell and her daughter Rita Revell.

S. RES. 140

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 140, a resolution designating the week beginning September 15, 2002, as "National Civic Participation Week."

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1655. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act. This legislation was first introduced in the 104th Congress by former Senator Frank Lautenberg and I am pleased to be here today continuing his legacy.

The Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act would make it illegal to knowingly transfer, transport, or possess in interstate commerce of foreign commerce, a confined exotic mammal for the purposes of allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy. The bill protects exotic mammals that have been held in captivity for the shorter of a. the greater part of the animal's life, or b. a period of one year, whether or not the defendant knew the length of the captivity. This bill is intended to prevent the cruel and unsporting practice of what we have come to know as "canned hunts."

Words cannot describe a "canned" hunt. The images that I have seen,